

COL. HOTCHKISS' STORY

Colonel Harry Hotchkiss is a modest man.

But by dint of a good deal of perseverance a representative of THE COURIER succeeded the other day in overcoming his natural diffidence to such an extent that he related his recent experiences in Oklahoma Territory with perfect freedom.

The colonel is an energetic man. Where he is things are always sure to happen, and when there is any excitement going on he is generally about as near the middle of it as he can get.

On the Friday before the opening of the Cherokee strip Colonel Hotchkiss set the wheels in his head in motion and he determined to go down and see the fun.

He arrived on the scene at about 10 a. m. The rush was to begin at 12. There were 600 people in line waiting to register on the outside of the strip, and he immediately saw that if he waited for his turn he wouldn't be in it at all. He didn't wait. This is how he worked it:

"There were two of us. Leaving the other fellow hanging about the tail end of the line I started for the head of the procession. I got by the soldiers by keeping close to the line and scanning every face, conveying the impression that I was looking for somebody. Pretty soon I reached the building where they were making out the papers. I immediately set to work helping the men transcribe. My assistance was thankfully received, and it was no time at all until I had my own papers all made out. Then I filled out my partner's and sent a soldier to bring him up on the plea that he had dropped out of his place and couldn't get in again. The scheme worked.

"Then we started for the train I found out that the people who were waiting to make the rush had formed companies, and that to have any show you had to belong to one of them. They were all full. We couldn't get in. An idea seized me. They were crowding and, assuming an official air, I commanded them to fall back and keep the track clear. The scheme worked. Then I ordered my partner to look after one of the platforms, and we got aboard among the very first.

"You ought to have seen the 'rush.' The train went along at the rate of 12 miles an hour. As far as the eye could reach the country was covered. It was a vast army on the rampage. There were men and women on foot, and mounted in wagons and every sort of vehicle, everybody tearing along like mad. The dust was terrible.

"We stopped first at Round Pond. There was a pretty girl on the train who walked with crutches. I looked after her a little and helped her get possession of a lot. She held her ground, and owing to her crutches was unmolested. In twenty-four hours, when people's rights began to be respected, I noticed that she threw the crutches away. Smooth scheme.

"I was holding a lot and was unprovided with arms. A big, ugly chap came along and told me to get out, saying that the lot was his and that he intended to have possession. I worked a bluff. I told him to go and get a spade.

"What for?" "To dig a hole with," I said. "The only way you can get possession of this lot is to occupy it as a grave after I get through with you."

"The fellow withdrew after some parleying.

"I saw that Enid was the place to go to, and I went. There I saw George Hawley, of Lincoln, and he was making more money than anybody. He had 200 yards of muslin—nobody else had any. He sold it for \$5 a yard for signs. I thought I might make some money transcribing claim papers, but there were too many at it. I quit. A fellow came up and asked me if I knew of anybody who bought railroad tickets. I had an inspiration and told him I was in the business myself—to come over to the tent in half an hour. I went back, and Hawley and I rigged up a big sign: CUT RATES—RAILROAD TICKETS BOUGHT AND SOLD—well, I made \$150 in a few days in the ticket business.

"I bought and sold everything. One day a fellow came along and offered his team of mules and a wagon for sale. I bought the outfit for \$110, and hitched the team in front of the tent. In less than two hours afterwards, before I had even fed the animals, I sold the outfit for \$150.

"We got possession of some lots. I built a \$25 house on one of them and a \$20 house on the other. They are renting now for \$35 a month each. The lots are worth \$800 or \$1,000. I was in the strip two weeks and came away with \$490 more money than I took with me when I left home, and besides the houses and lots I have three other vacant lots at Enid that I can probably hold. Some people made barrels of money. Some didn't make any."

Colonel Hotchkiss states that ex-Congressman Laws has opened a land office at Enid, and at last reports was doing a "land office business."

And W. L. Cundiff, the precious scamp who aided the election of Congressman

Bryan a year ago by bunking Jerome Shamp—he's got his reward. It seems that the government has trustees in the different land districts in the territory to make transfers. Cundiff is one of these trustees, and he gets \$5 a day.

"The most money was made by the gang of fellows from Kingfisher who had been through it before and knew how to work the game," said Colonel Hotchkiss. "They had things all arranged before they got to Enid. They formed a city government, elected a mayor and so on, and then proceeded to take in the money, charging fees galore for every conceivable thing. There were about 9,000 people waiting to make their entries. Numbered cards were issued at 10 cents a piece. Then lots of low numbers were held back, which were disposed of at prices ranging from \$25 to \$200.

"One scheme was like this: A man who was waiting to prove up would be approached and told that for a very moderate fee a memorandum of his number, name and claim would be taken and that he would be notified when to appear. He would in due time receive notification only to find that his lot or piece of land had been duly made over to some one else bearing his name. Then he would be steered to a 'lawyer' in the deal who would extract a fee and promise to see the other fellow and try and effect a compromise. He would see the 'other fellow' and then inform his client that the 'other fellow' would relinquish his rights and turn over the papers already made out in his own name for, say \$200, and usually the money was paid. No end of money was taken in by illegitimate deals of this character."

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Some Geographical "Dont's." Don't say or write Austro-Hungary. The best writers prefer Austria-Hungary. Don't call the Chinese "Mongolians." It is better to reserve the latter name for the people who live north of China proper.

Don't speak of a native of China as a Chinaman. You would not say that you had an Ireland man digging in your garden. It is better to call John a Chinese.

Don't say that New York is located on Manhattan Island.

Don't speak of China as our antipodes. Our antipodes is the point on the other side of the world reached by a straight line passing through the place in which we stand and the center of the earth. Our antipodes is in the ocean southwest of Australia.

Don't forget that Oriental names ending in "an" have the accent almost invariably on the last syllable, as Teheran, Belochistan.

Don't say that the compass points to the north, for it does not except in certain places. The compass points to magnetic north, which is at present considerably west of the north pole. When Lieutenant Greely was at Lady Franklin Bay the declination of his needle was found to be very great, the needle pointing toward the magnetic pole in a direction nearly southwest.

When you are writing a novel Don't get your geographical facts so badly mixed as to reflect discredit upon early training. In one of the popular novels of the day the Azores are referred to as in a southern latitude. The writer also introduces his hero into the Antarctic regions in January and speaks of the "Inky blackness" of the nights he experienced there. Of course anybody ought to know that the month of January is the height of the Antarctic summer, and the entire month is one continuous day.

THE LATEST SONGS

The following new music is reported by George A. Crancer: "Love Me, Dear, as I Love You." "When Ma Ma Let's Me Out." "Come Back Sweetheart." "Jack and Mail." "A Whisper of Love." "On the Midway, or the Jolly Bum Bow."

"Love Me Dear, as I Love You." (Sung by R. J. Jose, in comic opera "Africa.") "Midst the roses sweetly blooming 'neath a cloudless sky Sat two lovers fondly talking of happy hours gone by— Building castles in the future, dreaming of bright days in store Telling how love would endure, for ever, ever more."

CHORUS: Love me dear as I love you, ever trusting, ever true In my heart for ever dwell, lo'd with a love no tongue can tell All my hopes in thee I place, look me darling in the face O speak the words of joy divine, will you darling soon be mine.

The sweet roses soon may perish, skies be overcast Love will ever bloom and flourish, shadows do not last May no doubting, no mistaking sadden the heart I adore Love's light should ever be shining, for ever over more

Am I waking or still dreaming, words like these to hear Tell me truly, O my darling, have I ought to fear I am listening to your pleading, as I never did before List to my heart, how 'tis throbbing, for you, for you ever more

"As Sweet As The Honey Moon's Over." Love is not what it used to be, that is plain both to you and me Now Chicago has made the break. Love is often a splendid mistake. He's not happy in single life: she's not happy till she's a wife. So they play the Hymenial course, finishing up with the old divorce.

CHORUS: Oh, how silly young people are, leaving home and their ma and pa Spreading their sails when young Cupid prevails, fancy they are living in clover. That's all right for a minute or two—then his bank book is nearly through. You don't want him and he doesn't want you, as soon as the honey moon's over.

Once, where ever the lady went she was used to a compliment. Now if any one speaks to her, husband jealous and starts to swear. He's not happy, ah, there's the rub, soon he misses his cozy club. Ma in law comes and stays a week, husband and wife are afraid to speak.

Back in town with his friends of yore, evening finds him at home no more. Business keeps him till late in town—business means putting whisky down. She's invited to every ball, every dancer is at her call. Love's calm ocean is now a gale, the newspapers tell us the same old tale.

She's My Best Girl. (Sung in "A Trip to Chinatown.") In yonder cottage by the sea—dwells my best girl.

Bright and handsome as can be, is my best girl. I call on her every Sunday eve; she greets me with a smile. When Cupid lurks and softly lies, in ambush in angels guise.

CHORUS: She's my best girl, don't you know. Soon we'll marry, I love her so—when the wedding bells they ring. When the bridal song we sing, all the hours will pleasure bring. She's my best girl, girl.

While singing, dancing all day long with my best girl. Sweet as flowers on the lawn, is my best girl. My heart with joy is over-flowed, my love, she holds the key. The wedding bells you'll hear at dawn, how happy then we will be.

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I. NAME OF THIS CORPORATION: The name of this corporation shall be the West Park Land Company.

II. PRINCIPAL PLACE OF TRANSACTING ITS BUSINESS: The principal place of transacting the business of this corporation shall be Lincoln, Lancaster county, Nebraska, said corporation shall have power to establish branch offices at New York City, New York, and San Francisco, California.

III. THE GENERAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED: The general nature of the business to be transacted by this corporation shall be the purchase and sale of real estate in the state of Nebraska and elsewhere, to accept and hold the title thereto, to erect buildings thereon, to improve, enlarge, repair and furnish the same, to loan and borrow money and to give and take necessary security for the same, to rent or lease all or any part of the property held by or placed in the custody of said corporation, and such other business as may be necessary to carry out the general purpose of the business to be transacted.

IV. THE AMOUNT OF CAPITAL STOCK AUTHORIZED: The amount of capital stock authorized is one hundred thousand (\$100,000.00) dollars, which shall be represented by certificates of stock of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars each, which shall be non-assessable and fully paid up before the commencement of business of this corporation.

V. TIME OF COMMENCEMENT OF THE LIFE OF THIS CORPORATION: The life of this corporation shall commence on the 28th day of October, 1903, and shall terminate on the 27th day of October, 1943, unless it shall be dissolved in the manner hereinafter prescribed.

VI. THE HIGHEST AMOUNT OF INDEBTEDNESS: The highest amount of indebtedness of liability which this corporation shall at any one time subject itself, shall be one-quarter of the amount of capital stock.

VII. THE OFFICERS: The affairs and business of this corporation shall be managed by a board of five directors, all of whom shall be stockholders, and each of whom shall own not less than ten (10) shares of the capital stock, by a president, a vice president, a secretary and a treasurer, and the president shall be eligible to the office of treasurer.

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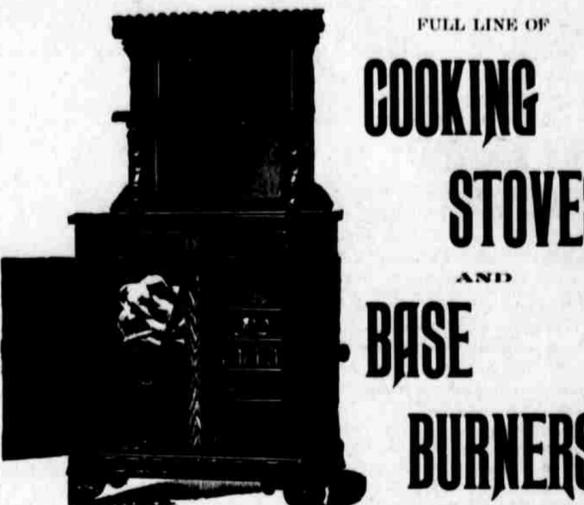
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